

**Town of Woodstock  
Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
Monday, December 1, 2014  
7:00 PM – Room A**

**PRESENT:** D. Mitchell Eaffy, Chandler Paquette, Allan Walker, Jr.  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Crystal Adams, Joni Cullan, Grace Jacobsen, James Kaeding, Jean Pillo, Russ Wilmot, Bet Zimmerman-Smith

**1. Call to Order**

Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Discussion Regarding Timber Harvest on Town Property Located at Perrin/Quarry Roads**

Walker thanked the Conservation Commission members for attending the meeting to discuss the timber harvest project. The Selectmen expressed their desire to move forward with the project as they believe the project is good for the overgrown forest and will bring \$135,800 in revenue for the town. The company who bid on the timber is willing to extend their bid for 30 days.

The Conservation Commission indicated their desire to work with the Selectmen on the project. They distributed a document outlining their recommendations for the timber harvest and what should be included in the Forest Management Plan that they hope will be written for free by Yale students. The Selectmen agreed that there is a need to have an updated Forest Management Plan and goals that allow for the production of healthy forest land. The last plan the Conservation Commission supplied was in 1999. Conservation members voiced their concern over the trees marked by the Forester of this particular project and asked the Selectmen to hire an independent Forester to walk the property to see if they agreed on the trees marked for removal.

The Selectmen directed the Conservation Commission to email a list of Certified Foresters in Connecticut and a copy of the 1999 Forest Management Plan to them for their review. The Selectmen reported that they were very confident with the work the Forester did for them on this project. He was very thorough and explained his work, the reason behind the trees he marked and how the this timber harvest will affect the forest land in the future.

**3. Citizen's Comments**

None.

**4. Adjournment**

**Paquette moved** to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Cullan, Recording Clerk